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SUBJ: WFC - MEXICAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON FOOD TRADE

1. AS MENTIONED SEPTEL ON NOVEMBER 11 COMMITTEE III MEETING,
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEXICAN RESOLUTION ENTITLED "/INTERNATIONAL
FOOD TRADE, ACCESS TO MARKETS, PRICES, STABILIZATION AND
ADJUSTMENT/".

"/THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, /

/RECOGNIZING/ THE INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM
AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE, AND THE ROLE WHICH TRADE CAN PLAY IN
SOLVING THE FOOD PROBLEM, INCLUDING ITS DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS,

/BEARING IN MIND/ THAT THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF AGRICULTURAL
AND ESPECIALLY FOOD PRODUCTS HAS BEEN MOSTLY, AND OFTEN UNREA-
SONABLY, RESTRICTED BY VARIOUS TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS
AS WELL AS BY OTHER RESTRICTIONS WHICH IMPOSE A HEAVY BURDEN
ON THE BALANCE OF TRADE AND PAYMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
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/CONSIDERING/ THAT THE INSTABILITY IN THE WORLD'S AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD MARKETS, REFLECTED IN EXCESSIVE FLUCATUATIONS IN SUPPLY AND PRICES, HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE ECONOMIES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

/HAVING NOTED/ WITH DEEP CONCERN THE UNBEARABLE PROBLEMS FACED BY MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO COVER THE INCREASED COST OF THE NECESSARY QUANTITIES OF CEREALS AND OTHER FOODSTUFFS TO BE IMPORTED FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND THAT THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN AGGRAVATED BY SPECULATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE WORLD MARKET, IN THE CONTEXT OF DELICATELY BALANCED SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATIONS,

/BEARING IN MIND/ THAT THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS OF THE MAJORITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE PREDOMINATLY DEPENDENT ON EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE SHARE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS, ALREADY MODEST, IS CONTINUOUSLY DECLINING,

/TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION/ THE CONTINIOUS DETERIORATION OF THE TERMS OF TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, A SITUATION THAT RELECTS THE UNJUST STRUCTURES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE,

/ACCEPTING THEREFORE/ THE URGENT NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN TERMS OF TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND EXPANSION OF THEIR SHARE IN THE WORLD TRADE AND ECONOMY, DIVERSIFICATION AND ACCELARATION OF THEIR ECONOMIC GROWTH,

/RECOGNIZING/ THAT THE TRADE SITUATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD HAS BEEN AGGRAVATED AS A RESULT OF THE INTERNATIONAL INFLATION AND MONETARY CRISES,

/RECOGNIZING/ THE NECESSITY OF ESTABLISHING A JUST, RENUMERATIVE AND STABLE PRICE LEVEL FOR FOOD, AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER PRODUCTS EXPORTED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN RELATION TO THE LEVEL OF PRICES OF THEIR IMPORTS, WIT THE AIM OF ACHIEVING A MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME IN THE WORLD,

/BEARING IN MIN/ THE STRUCTURAL IMBALANCES AND CONSTRAINTS WHICH IMPEDE AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTION IN MANY
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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEREBY LIMIT THE POSSIBILITIES OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL TRADE,

/BEARING ALSO IN MIND/ THAT THE PROVISION OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS AT REASONABLE AND STABLE PRICES HAS A FUNDAMENTAL EFFECT UPON ENCHANCING STABILITY IN THE MARKETS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS EXPORTED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

/NOTING/ THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY THE FAO CONFERENCE THAT INCREASING INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE ECONOMIES OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES NECESSITATES A GLOBAL AND REGIONAL CONCEPT OF AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT,

/BEARING IN MIND/ ALSO THE OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS UNCTAD, FAO AND GATT, IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND NOTING THE VITAL IMPORTANCE AND PRIORITY OF THE FOOD PROBLEM, CLEAR GUIDELINES AND STRONG SUPPORT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS,

/RECALLING/ GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VIII) OF 1 MAY 1974, CONCERNING THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,

1. /CALLS UPON/ ALL GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD TO REDUCE RESTRICTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD TRADE, COMBINED WITH MEASURES WHICH SHOULD PREVENT SPECULATIVE PRACTICES AIMED AT DESTABILIZATION OF MARKETS AND ATTAINING OF EXTRA PROFITS;

2. /REQUESTS/ THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FOOD EXPORTING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED, TO ENSURE THE SUPPLY OF CEREALS AND OTHER IMPORTANT FOODSTUFFS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN NEED IF NECESSARY THROUGH A SYSTEM OF ALLOCATION, AT REASONABLE PRICES AND UNDER FAVOURABLE FINANCIAL TERMS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF FOOD EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

3. /REQUESTS/ THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO CONSERVE, DURING THE PERIODS OF SHORTAGES, THE USE OF FOODSTUFFS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION THROUGH A SYSTEM OF RATIONAL UTILIZATION

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OF AVAILABLE SUPPLIES, AND BY AVOIDING WASTAGE;

4. /CALLS UPON/ GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS, NOTABLY UNCTAD, FAO AND GATT, TO FORMULATE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A JUST, EQUITABLE AND REMUNERATIVE PRICE LEVEL FOR THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS EXPORTED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN RELATION WITH THE PRICE LEVEL OF PRODUCTS IMPORTED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH THE AIM OF ACHIEVING AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME IN THE WORLD AND MORE FAVOURABLE TERMS OF TRADE BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, GIVING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS;

5. /REQUESTS/ THE RESPONSIBLE INTERNATIONAL BODIES - UNCTAD,

FAO, GATT AND OTHER-TO GIVE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE PRIORITY
TO SPEED UP THE CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS AND TO ESTABLISH
FIXED TIME LIMITS FOR REACHING AGREEMENTS ON ELIMINATION OF
RESTRICTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ENABLING FULL ACCESS
OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO
THE MARKETS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
THE GUIDELINES STATED IN THIS RESOLUTION;

6. /REQUESTS: THE GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IMMEDIATE-
LY TO DECREASE SUBSTANTIALLY WITH A VIEW TO THEIR
ULTIMATE ELIMINATION ALL TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AS
WELL AS OTHER RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES AFFECTING THE EXPORTS
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY OF FOOD AND AGRICUL-
TURAL PRODUCTS ON A PREFERENTIAL, NON-DISCRIMINATORY.....

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.....NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND NON-RECIPROCAL BASIS;

7. /REQUESTS/ ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO IMPLEMENT, IMPROVE AND ENLARGE THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES PARTICULARLY FOR PRIMARY, SEMI-PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE DIVERSIFICATION AND ACCELERATION OF THEIR TRADE AND PRODUCTION;

8. /CALLS UPON/ GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ELIMINATE ALL FARM SUPPORT PROGRAMMES WHICH HAVE THE EFFECT OF DISINCENTIVES TO THE PRODUCTION AND IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

9. /URGES/ THE GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE INTENSIVE /AD HOC/ CONSULTATIONS ON COMMODITIES, AS WELL AS OTHER GOVERNMENTS, TO MAKE DETERMINED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUB-UNCLASSIFIED

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STANTIAL AND CONCRETE RESULTS IN THE FIELDS OF ACCESS TO MARKETS AND PRICING POLICY AND RECOMMENDS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE CONCRETE ACTION ON PROPOSALS MADE IN THE INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WHICH ARE ACCEPTED BY THEM.

10. /INVITES/ UNCTAD TO GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSALS FOR AN OVER-ALL INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES, WITH A VIEW TO THEIR EARLY NEGOTIATION AND IMPLEMENTATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, BEARING IN MIND THE URGENT NEED FOR NEW APPROACHES AND INITIATIVES TO RESTRUCTURE WORLD COMMODITY TRADE.

11. INVITES PARTICIPANTS IN THE GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THE REMOVAL OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS FACING PRODUCTS OF EXPORT INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY TROPICAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES PREFERENTIAL, NON-RECIPROCAL AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT FOR THESE COUNTRIES.

12. /SUGGESTS/ THE CREATION OF A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL HAVE TO MAKE A LIST OF PRINCIPAL INPUTS FOR AGRICULTURE OF WHICH THE PRICES SHALL BE RELATED TO THE PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND TO FIND FORMULAS TO ENSURE A FAIR MARGIN TO FARMERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

13. /REQUESTS/ THE IMPORTING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ENABLE AND FACILITATE THE EXPANSION OF IMPORTS AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, EVEN WHEN THEY COMPETE WITH THE DOMESTIC PRODUCTION, THUS PROVIDING A FAIR AND REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THEIR SHARE IN THE MARKET, AND FORMULATE STABLE POLICIES IN ORDER TO ALLOW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH EXPORT TO THESE DEVELOPED MARKETS TO PLAN THEIR PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS ON A SHORT AND MEDIUM-TERM BASIS.

14. /REQUESTS/ THAT IMPORTING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH DERIVE RECEIPTS FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES, TAXES AND OTHER LEVIES APPLIED ON THE IMPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO REFUND SUCH RECEIPTS, THEREBY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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15. /INVITES/ THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO FURTHER INTENSIFY THE EFFORTS FOR INCREASING THEIR MUTUAL TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, AND INVITES ALSO THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO FAVOUR SUCH A TREND.

16. /CALLS UPON/ COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED TO DEVOTE SPECIAL ATTENTION AND TO PROVIDE FAVOURABLE TARIFFS AND TERMS FOR MARITIME AND OTHER WAYS OF TRANSPORTATION OF FOODSTUFFS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

17. /REQUESTS/ THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE USE OF CASH RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL FOOD AID FOR PURCHASES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WITH THE AIM OF SECURING AND STIMULATING A LARGER SHARE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD TRADE OF FOODSTUFFS.

18. /INVITES/ INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED TO INCREASE THE FIELD ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN EXPORT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AND MECHANISMS, AND IN TRAINING OF TRADE PERSONNEL.

19. /SUGGESTS/ THE THE IMF, IBRD AND OTHER MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED TO GIVE EASIER TERMS FOR COMPENSATORY ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM FLUCTUATIONS IN EXTERNAL RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS, PARTICULARLY FOR FOOD AND OPERATION OF FOOD STOCKS, SUPPORT FACILITIES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE LONGER-TERM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND DEBT-RESCHEDULING ARRANGEMENTS.

20. /REQUESTS/ THAT FAO TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WHEN DRAFTING THE PROPOSED STRATEGY OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT.

21. /REQUESTS/ THE GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED, WHEN CONSIDERING ALL THE SUBJECTS CONTAINED IN THIS RESOLUTION, TO GIVE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE PRIORITY AND THE MOST FAVOURABLE TERMS TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY ECONOMIC CRISES."
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